GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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PARITY IN PRICES OF CRUDE OIL
MOHAN RAWALE;PUTTASWAMY GOWDA;SADASHIVRAO DADOBA MANDLIK

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited has demandedparity in price of crude produced by it and the price of crude oil imported from abroad;

(b) if so, the difference between the prices of indigenously produced crude and that of the imported crude; and

(c) the reaction of the Government in regard to this demand on ONGC?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS(SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) : The Government resolution of 21st November 1997 envisages fullderegulation of the prices of the indigenous crude oil effective 1st April 2002. ONGC had requested for the implementation of this decision.

(b) ONGC is currently being paid Rs.5,570/MT for its crude oil.The weighted average price for import of crude oil for the period April 2001 to March 2002 was about Rs.8029/MT.

(c) It has been decided that ONGC will get market determined prices for its crude oil with effect from 1st April 2002.